

## St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 20, 1861, is the date of organizing these early settlers into a congregation. The Articles of Incorporation were filed at the Manitowish County Court House almost ten years later, February 19, 1871, naming the organization, The Evangelical Lutheran St. Peter Congregation.

The services, for the first fourteen years were held in a public school building on "Cemetery Hill" across the street from the present Country Store, or in private homes of members.

In 1875 the first church was built. It served the congregation until the present structure was <sup>completed in 1927</sup> ~~built~~. During the first fifty years the congregation was served by thirteen pastors. These were traveling circuit pastors and pastors from neighboring congregations. There were some who were provided with housing for periods of about two years.

The present parsonage was constructed in 1902. In 1911 a seminary graduate, Edward F. Zell, was called to serve the congregation. He married a local girl, Alice K. Jindra and served here until his death in 1958.

In 1923 decisions were necessary as to repair the existing church or build a new one. The new one was begun in the Fall of 1925. The method of building was copied from the method used to erect the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

The granite stone came from Red Granite, WI. by way of railroad to neighboring Francis Creek. From there the farmer members hauled the stone on their wagons to Mishicot. The stone construction was ~~done~~ under the direction of Edward Wegner, a local contractor. The wood work was done by Matt Zima, a local carpenter. The old church was

purchased through an auction process by member, George Barthels.

In 1972 an educational facility was added using material which closely coincided with the existing structure.

In 1983 an electric carillon was given by ~~Frederick and Hazel~~ <sup>Frederick and Hazel</sup> Eisenmann in memory of their parents.

The St. Peter Lutheran School started with grades, K-2 in the Fall of 1986. In 1993 the schools of St. John, Gibson, and St. Peter, Mishicot, merged to form the East Twin Lutheran School.

In 2004 the original carillon (from 1983) was replaced with a more modern unit with the help of the original donors.

During the span of its existence the St. Peter property has increased in size from the original two lots to ~~one~~ several acres.

St. Peter congregation has been affiliated with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) since its origin.

This chronology updated in 2005